accepted the gauges and became the *cavaliere servantes* of Rajput princesses ; Humayun leaving his own conquests in Bengal to hasten to the succour of the Queen Mother of Chittore.

When the Rajput dame sent her gauge of a bracelet to her " brother " or protector, the return gauge was usually a corset sewn with pearls, as a sign of protection, often accompanied by the gift of a province. These fierce Mahomedan warriors entered with spirit into this chivalrous Rajput custom, but the lady was only allowed to appeal to their protection in cases of extreme danger.

Of the women of Delhi, one thinks instinctively first of Sultana Raziyah, the only Empress of all India before Queen Victoria, whom her father considered more worthy of the throne than her brethren. Lovely and learned, ruling her vast dominions with firmness and judgment, so that the quaint historian of those days admits her only fault was to have been born of the wrong sex, yet she deemed an empire, even life, well lost for

love when she preferred the young Abyssinian slave whom she had made master of her house, and thought death sweeter than life without him when the lealous Afghan generals killed her for his sake.

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